## STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; for generations, folks from every corner of the globe have chosen to make the United States and Wisconsin their home, helping to form and fundamentally enrich the unique character of our

WHEREAS; immigrants have been leaders in the struggle for social justice throughout our nation's history, advocating for not only their own rights and access to opportunities, but for a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS; immigrants continue to support and start businesses and create jobs in Wisconsin and throughout the United States, and play a critical role in innovating and strengthening our economy; and

WHEREAS; despite the important and unique economic, social, and cultural contributions made by each wave of immigration over the past 200 years, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has been frequently overlooked and undervalued, and ignorance, racism, and xenophobia continue to fuel anti-immigrant sentiment to this day; and

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we must continue to center our shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion, and be reminded that what unites us is far greater than what divides us; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in rejecting all forms of hate and prejudice against immigrants, regardless of their legal status or their nation of origin, and in celebrating the innumerable contributions that immigrants have made to our families, our communities, our state, and the fabric of our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

## **IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

By the Governor:

state and nation; and

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR